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Dear Mr. Bryson:

As you know Vulcan Materials Company (VMC) submitted a Superfund (CERCLA 103(c)) Notification reporting the on-site disposal of wastes in a now closed landfill. Subsequent to our receipt of the notification we initiated our first in-depth review of the specifics relating to waste disposal, product spillage, and environmental contamination at this site. This has included several interviews of you and your staff as well as review of your files. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We are now generally aware of the multiple sources of contamination at this site. We are also generally aware of the groundwater monitoring network VMC has installed and of some of the remedial actions that have been initiated or completed. However, we do not at the present time have sufficient information ourselves to conclude that all these actions, taken together, are sufficient to address the potential hazards to health or the environment at this site. This is not to suggest that the actions or review by BOG have in any way been inadequate. However, we feel that it would be prudent for EPA to conduct an independent review and evaluation of the groundwater monitoring program and of the ongoing remedial actions, in particular the pumping and disposal of contaminated groundwater.

Therefore, this letter is to inform you that EPA will now be initiating such an independent evaluation. In order to obtain the hydrogeologic expertise necessary for this review we have tasked our Technical Assistance Team (TAT) contractor, Roy F. Weston, Inc., to assist us. As the initial step in this process we will shortly be sending letters of inquiry to VMC requesting those documents, reports, data and other information we believe will be required for this review.

Please contact me at (816) 374-7275 regarding any questions you might have in this matter. We will keep you informed of our activities on this site.

Sincerely yours,

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